GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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China-Pak Relation
Kachhadia Shri Naranbhai

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the growing relations between China and Pakistan has become a cause of concern for India in the past few years;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether India has conveyed its concern to China and Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the reactions received from both the Governments in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) The Government is aware of China's assistance to Pakistan including in the sectors of hydroelectric projects, highways, motorways, ports, export processing zone and economic corridors in Pakistan. China also provides defence assistance to Pakistan, including training and defence equipment and technology. China is assisting Pakistan in the development of the so called 'China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)'. Some of the proposed projects under CPEC are in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK). Government's consistent position is that Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of parts of the Indian state of Jammu & Kashmir since 1947. Government has conveyed to the Chinese side, including at the highest level, its concerns about their activities in PoK and asked them to cease these activities.

Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.